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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CA, LA

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CANADIAN PLAN TO DISENGAGE

FROM ICC/LAOS

1. ACTING CANADIAN COMMISSIONER TO ICC/LAOS, ANDRE SIMARD, CALLED TODAY TO TELL US INFORMALLY THAT CANADIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED BY GOC FOREIGN MINISTRY TO TAKE SOUNDINGS AT APPROPRIATE SENIOR DEPARTMENT LEVEL THIS WEEK ON USG REACTION IF CANADA DECIDES TO WITHDRAW FROM ICC/LAOS. CANADIAN DECISION APPARENTLY STEMMED FROM SIMARD'S PRESENTATION TO HIS FOREIGN MINISTRY DURING HOME LEAVE LAST MONTH. SIMARD SAID MUCH WOULD DEPEND ON AMERICAN REACTION, BUT EVEN IF CANADA DECIDED TO REMAIN IN ICC/LAOS, IT MIGHT NOT RESPOND TO REACTIVATION REQUEST BY THE LAO PARTIES.

2. EMBOFF ASKED SIMARD WHY CANADA WAS MOVING TOWARD POSSIBLE DISENGAGEMENT FROM ICC/LAOS WHEN LAOS WAS ONLY COUNTRY OF INDOCHINA WHERE CEASEFIRE AND NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WERE WORKING, OFFERING SOME ROLE FOR ICC

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IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD AT LAST. SIMARD REPLIED

THAT OTTAWA FEARS THAT IF CANADA REMAINS ON ICC UNDER PRESENT AMBIGUOUS GUIDELINES, AND THE PATHET LAO GRADUALLY INCREASED INFLUENCE IN RLG, THE OUTCOME IN EFFECT WOULD MEAN CANADA HAD PLACED SEAL OF APPROVAL ON COMMUNIST TAKE-OVER IN LAOS. SIMARD ALSO INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT HIS GOVERNMENT BELIEVES RAISING THREAT OF CANADIAN DISENGAGEMENT AT THIS TIME MIGHT IMPLY THE LAO PARTIES TOWARD MORE GENUINE ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP AN EFFECTIVE ROLE AND GUIDELINES FOR ICC.

3. SIMARD DID NOT KNOW ON WHOM CANADIAN AMBASSADOR WOULD CALL IN DEPARTMENT.  
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